

Movement and Place

York Access Forum

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Movement and Place

- Place-based approach to how people travel across, within and to/from York
- Covers the entire council area

Reimagining York (My/Our City Centre)

- To build on the strategic vision – 8 themes – for the city centre
- A strategic delivery plan, and
- A pipeline of projects: Parliament Street and Coney Street are priorities
- Looking to build upon previous work e.g. Martin Higgitt, Strategic Review of City Centre Access, Strategic Review of City Centre Parking, MIMA, Seating Review etc.

What's happened since last update

- MCA funding awarded:
 - To develop a Movement and Place Plan
 - A Reimagining York strategic delivery plan and pipeline of projects
 - Technical Highway design guide
- March – tender issued
- End June – consultants appointed
- July – November – further engagement, including co-creation of concept designs
- December – phase 1 of Movement and Place Plan and Reimagining York with Full Business Cases to secure further funding

Movement and Place Plan

- A city-wide plan for transport, streets, public realm
- Place-based streets for everyone
- To take account of future population increases, including surrounding areas
- Linkages with York and North Yorkshire Local Transport Plan
- Transport planning for the future – what does better look like?
- Seeks to reduce through-traffic and make sure the benefits of place-based development are maximised

Movement and Place Plan Outputs

- Movement and Place Plan, including:
 - Strategic approach
 - Strategic place framework
 - Sustainable place framework
 - Healthy places modal strategy
 - Mobility and circulation plan
 - Mobility Kerbside strategy
 - Transport model upgrades
- Highway Design Guide
- Local Plan guidance on transport for new developments

Reimagining York – My/Our City Centre

Areas for consideration – based on previous engagement:

- Accessibility – levels, colour contrasts, desire lines, navigability
- Unified city centre design approach – fewer materials
- Design appropriate to use – events, movement, space to rest etc.
- More/better-placed accessible seating
- Pavement widening
- Rationalise ‘street clutter’
- More cycle parking and cycle access
- Introduce play activity
- New ways to tell the city centre’s stories

Parliament Street & St Sampson Square – concept design

- Main central public space
- Confirm main purpose(s) of the space(s):
 - Events, rest, food and drink, busking, stalls, shade etc.
 - Different uses depending on time of day?
- How to balance ‘competing’ uses
- Not actually that wide
- Trees affecting levels



Coney Street and Spurriergate – concept design

- Changing nature of street – more food and drink, entertainment, but retail still dominates
- Currently level access, but narrow with poor contrasts between carriageway and pavement
- A coherent scheme that integrates with rest of city centre
- Opportunities for interpretation of the history of the street

